

3 Recommendations**3.1 It is recommended that Members:**

- 1. note the contents of this report and agree to reduce the deadlines from 4 to 2 per year pending a positive equality screening outcome;**
- 2. agree to open applications to Community Festivals Fund 2011–2012; and**
- 3. grant retrospective approval to funds distributed within this current financial year.**

During discussion, a Member requested, given that representatives of many community groups would be on holiday during the July period, that the timetable for the completion of applications for festivals planned between October, 2012 and March, 2013 would commence on 20th June, 2012 and not 20th July as stated within the report. He suggested that such an extension would enable applications to be completed and submitted prior to the commencement of the holiday period.

A further Member referred to the figures outlined within the report which indicated that there existed a disparity across the various areas of the City in respect of the number of applications submitted for assistance. He requested that the Department undertake to become more proactive in assisting groups from under-represented areas to complete and submit applications for funding in order to address any perceived imbalance.

After discussion, the Committee agreed to adopt the recommendations, subject to the amendment that the opening date for the completion of applications for festivals planned between October, 2012 and March, 2013 would commence on 20th June, 2012. In addition, the Director undertook to investigate the feasibility of providing additional support in the completion of application forms as outlined in the foregoing paragraph.

Ligoniel Community Centre Licence Agreement

The Community Development Manager informed the Committee that the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust had requested that Glenbrook Surestart be permitted exclusive use the minor hall and store at Ligoniel Community Centre from Monday till Friday between 9.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m., for a period of three years commencing in February 2012. She pointed out that Glenbrook Surestart was a Government-funded initiative which worked with parents and children to promote the physical, intellectual, social and emotional development of pre-school children. She informed the Members that a formal Licence Agreement would be required and that income to the Council would be in the region of £40 per week. Accordingly, she recommended that the Committee accede to the request from the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust, subject to the completion of the Licence Agreement to be prepared by the Assistant Chief Executive/Town Solicitor.

The Committee adopted the recommendation.